5. Improvements of Livestock.

6. Eradication of Pests and Diseases.

Separate statistics for the work done by each have not been maintained except the annual reports received from them.

(c) Yes. The Department is following the line of work defined in the Land Revenue Manual; since the Department was equipped, the co-operation of the public used to be sought for in times of need and advice given on the improved methods of cultivation. As much as about 600 acres of land must have been planted with fruit trees and the like by the plants supplied by the Department and about 250 acres have been cultivated with improved and selected Strains of paddy.

Loans—Grains for cultivation—Agricultural Department.

90. Mr. A. Narayana Menon *(Vyttila).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether grain for cultivation was loaned by the Agricultural Department in 1112; if so, in which taluk and to whom;

(b) what were the conditions in which such loans were made?

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar *(Director of Agriculture).*—(a) 1,045 paras of paddy seeds were loaned to 207 persons who are poor ordinary tenants of farmers in the Trichur taluk.

(b) The loans are to be returned in kind with 10 per cent interest per season and in cases of default they will be recovered with additional interest according to the provisions of the Revenue Recovery Act, if found necessary.

Credits Society of Agriculturists—Starting of.

91. Mr. A. Narayana Menon *(Vyttila).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

whether any propaganda or attempt had been made in recent times to start (i) Controlled credit societies for agriculturists;

(ii) marketing societies for agriculturists, and

(iii) Industrial marketing Societies in the State; if so, when; with what results?

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